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Harold:

I have a great load of correspondence that I have to answer one of these days-- to you, Howard, and others. I keep getting things but have not been able to reply well. As more piles up, it gets harder and harder, but I'll make it eventually.

I got a copy of your suit from Washington, not in your handwriting, so I suppose that Bud sent it. It looks beautiful. I can add nothing ~~xxxx~~ in the way of comment; it seems solid, and well overdue. I presume that suits for other materials are planned, too. If so, please have Bud stay in touch with me about them.

Enclosed is a letter related to recent notions about JFK head X-rays.

Until your letter of 28 Feb to "Gary, Dick, Paul", I had no knowledge that Shaw had filed suit against Garrison, though I knew he had threatened. I do not know specifically the ~~xxxxxx~~ charge, but if it implies unwarranted harrassment by Garrison, I think Shaw ~~will~~ has no case-- for the reasons you mention. Also it could get Shaw into worse trouble than he is already in with the perjury charges. I really can't say more, since I don't know what has happened. It did not make the papers up here, and might not have baan of much value if it did.

From Paul I have your stuff on Fisher-- I sent copies to Roffman, except for the Fisher letter which specifically indicates for me alone.

I agree that you should pursue Fillinger, but with Howard's permission and letting Howard know what you learn and intend to do. It's a courtesy that implies present and future trust which I think is warranted in this case. I doubt whether Howard would object, but Fillinger himself may wish to go no further than Howard. Howard should ask F's permission first, then arrange for F to see you. Whether Harold should attend your interview with F is something you three should work out.

I think Fillinger is a prince, a mine of integrity that ought to be tapped further than Howard can. But easy, as you know, since Fillinger is friends with Finck and may not be willing to say publically what he says privately. I think it more of an advantage that Fillinger knows Fink than a disadvantage; it may keep him from saying some things, but it is an important line to original sources, a tooth in the horse's mouth, as it were.

Must stop. Go easy, and stay well.

*Dick*